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HI, I'M **LYLA**, MIGUEL'S LYRATE LIFE-FORM APPROXIMATION HOLOGRAPHIC ASSISTANT.

HERE'S THE DOWNLOAD ON **SPIDER-MAN 2099's** BACKSTORY.

MIGUEL O'HARA WAS A YOUNG GENETICS GENIUS EMPLOYED AT MEGACORPORATION **ALCHEMAX** IN THE FUTURE CITY OF **NUEVA YORK**. ONE OF HIS EXPERIMENTS, TO REPLICATE THE POWERS OF YOUR CURRENT SPIDER-MAN, WAS TURNED AGAINST HIM AND REWROTE HIS DNA TO MAKE IT **50% SPIDER!** HE GAINED **AMAZING POWERS** AND BECAME THE SPIDER-MAN OF THE YEAR 2099.

RECENTLY, SPIDER-MAN 2099 TRAVELED BACK TO THE EARLIEST DAYS OF ALCHEMAX (WHICH YOU CALL THE PRESENT) TO SAVE THE LIFE OF HIS GRANDFATHER TIBERIUS STONE AND GOT **STRANDED** IN 2014 IN THE PROCESS!

LAST ISSUE, MIGUEL AND TIBERIUS TRAVELED TO THE WAR TORN COUNTRY OF TRANSSABAL, ON BEHALF OF ALCHEMAX, TO OVERSEE THE SALE OF SPIDER-SLAYERS TO A DICTATOR. TIBERIUS WAS CAPTURED BY THE REBELS.

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LOOK, WE'RE BOTH TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME THING! WE'RE TRYING TO GET TIBERIUS STONE OUT OF HERE! WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE!

YOU? AND ME? ON THE *SAME SIDE?*

SCREW THAT! I DON'T EVEN CARE IF YOU'RE RIGHT!

AS LONG AS I GET TO TAKE YOU APART, I DON'T CARE *WHOSE* SIDE YOU'RE ON!

WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING HERE?! DID ALCHEMAX BRING YOU HERE?

BUT WHY YOU?!

OF *COURSE* THEY DID! TO RUN THEIR SPIDER-SLAYER PROGRAM!

I KNOW SPIDERS! I KNOW ROBOTS! WHO *BETTER?*

THEY GOT ME OUT OF JAIL! REBUILT ME! SAVED MY LIFE!

MADE ME STRONGER THAN I EVER WAS!

STRONG ENOUGH TO DESTROY *YOU!*

ACTUALLY, HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH ME. HIS ISSUE IS WITH THE SPIDER-MAN OF THIS TIME.

SOMEHOW, THOUGH, I DOUBT THAT EXPLAINING THAT IS GOING TO MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE.

IF I CAN JUST--

UNNNHHH!

WAM

SHOCK IT, THAT THING IS FAST. IT HAS TO BE IF IT CAUGHT ME ACROSS THE BACK.

OH, PERFECT.

KRAAASH

NO! BACK OFF! HE'S MINE!

AFTER ALL THIS TIME, I'VE *EARNED* THAT!

JUST KEEP HIM CONTAINED! MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T GET AWAY!

HA. I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM TRY--

THWIKK

GREAT. I CAN'T EVEN HAVE STRAY THOUGHTS WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY FOR THEM.

LET HIM GO!

I'VE GOT HIM!

WAAAAM

HISTORY ALWAYS DEPICTED THE SCORPION AS A MINOR ANNOYANCE FOR SPIDER-MAN AT BEST.

MY GUESS IS THAT NO HISTORIANS EVER FOUND THEMSELVES IN PITCHED BATTLE WITH HIM.

HE'S QUICK AND HE'S VICIOUS. AND IF I SLOW DOWN FOR EVEN A SECOND, HE'LL TAKE ME APART.

AND WHAT ABOUT TIBERIUS? WHILE I'M HERE, HE'S STILL IN THERE WITH THE PEOPLE WHO GRABBED HIM.

WHAT THE HELL... *UNHH...*

GET UP! WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE!

THE WHOLE BUILDING IS COMING DOWN. YOUR--

NO!

KRRAAAASH

HOLY--!

WE HAVE TO GET HER OUT OF TH--

SHE'S ON HER OWN! LET'S GO!

GO!

ARRHHH!

UNNNNFFF... HUUFFFFFF

ARE...ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU--?

MUSSARET?

MUSSARET?

UNFFFF!

THAT IT? THAT ALL YOU GOT?

NEW COSTUME ISN'T DOING YOU MUCH GOOD.

MY NEW COSTUME, ON THE OTHER HAND...

IT'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.

FWEEEE

GREAT. LASER BEAMS.

I *HATE* LASER BEAMS.

HE'S GETTING AWAY!

STOP HIM!

OH. FANTASTIC. THEY'RE ALL ARMED WITH LASERS

MY COSTUME IS TOUGH, BUT EVEN I CAN'T HANDLE STRAIGHT-ON BLASTS FROM THIS KIND OF ARMAMENT.

YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET AWAY!

THESE THINGS WILL ATTACK ANYTHING THAT'S SPIDERY! THAT'S YOU, HOTSHOT!

WELL, THEN MAYBE THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD DO.

LYLA! NORMAL CLOTHES, RIGHT NOW!

PERFECT. GOT THE HOLOGRAM OF MY REGULAR OUTFIT. NOW I LOSE THE MASK...

...AND THIS WAY I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY

WHERE IS HE?

WHERE DID YOU GO?!

COWARD! SO THAT'S HOW YOU WANT TO PLAY IT, EH?

FINE! I GOT ANOTHER GAME TO PLAY! READY? I CALL IT:

LET'S TARGET CIVILIANS.

Y'HEAR ME, SPIDER?

ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE GONNA DIE AT THE HANDS OF SPIDER-SLAYERS!

THEY'LL DIE INSTEAD OF YOU!

THIS GETTING THROUGH TO YOU?

THIRTY SECONDS AND THEN THEY ALL DIE. MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN...

DOESN'T MATTER TO ME. 'CAUSE I'M THE BAD GUY.

BUT YOU, YOU'RE THE GOOD GUY. YOU CAN'T JUST STAND THERE AND LET THEM GET KILLED, CAN YOU?

OR MAYBE YOU CAN! YOU HAVEN'T EXACTLY BEEN YOURSELF, RECENTLY.

RIGHT, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE PETER PARKER'S HEAD WAS TAKEN OVER BY DOCTOR OCTOPUS FOR A WHILE. BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT.

SO WHAT DO I DO? PRESENT MYSELF TO A BUNCH OF SPIDER-SLAYERS AND THEIR BOSS? LET THEM TAKE ME APART TO SAVE A BUNCH OF STRANGERS?

GOD, IF ONLY I HAD THE SLAYERS ON MY SIDE, I COULD_

THAT'S IT.

LYLA.

YES, MIGUEL.
I HAVE A PLAN.
I LIKE PLANS. PLANS ARE FUN.
HERE'S WHAT I NEED YOU TO DO.
TEN SECONDS, SPIDER!
YOU GONNA CUT THIS CLOSE? OR ARE YOU REALLY GONNA SENTENCE THESE PEOPLE TO DEATH?
FIVE SECONDS!
THIS BETTER WORK
FOUR... THREE...
...TWO...
ONE!
OKAY THEN, SPIDER! THAT'S HOW YOU WANT TO PLAY IT?
FINE!
THIS IS ON YOU THEN!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

STAND DOWN!

WHY ARE YOU AIMING AT ME?

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!

YAAARRR!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

STOP SHOOTING!

HAVE YOU ALL LOST YOUR MECHANICAL MINDS?!

STOP--!

WHAT THE...?

HOW...?

STOP!

THAT'S A DIRECT ORDER!

I AM NOT SPIDER-MAN! REPEAT, I AM NOT SPIDER-M--

FWAZOWWWW

ARRHHHHH!

YOU... STUPID... SONS OF...

FINE!

I'LL TAKE YOU ALL ON!

VAMANOS! HERE! COME ON, LET'S GO!

HEY... IT'S ALL RIGHT.

RUN TO YOUR FOLKS. MOVE IT.

NOW, WHILE THE SPIDER-SLAYERS ARE BUSY WITH THE SCORPION, I'VE GOTTA GET BACK AND RESCUE

SHOCK ME

THERE HE IS. HOW'D HE GET AWAY?

DID THEY LET HIM GO?

WHAT THE HELL?

THIS IS INSANE?! WHAT'S....?

"HE WAS BORN WITH LAUGHTER ON HIS LIPS AND A SENSE THAT THE WORLD WAS MAD!"

FWIIIIZZZZZZ

THANK GOD I INSTALLED THAT *DEACTIVATION PHRASE.*

GARGAN! IS THAT YOU?

GARGAN!

GARGAN?!

S'alright. Got everything...

...unner control...

Those lasers...are nasty...

OKAY. THAT WAS RELATIVELY SIMPLE.

GOOD JOB, LYLA.

IT WAS NO DIFFICULTY AT ALL, MIGUEL.

NOW WHAT?

NOW I NEED YOU TO PLACE A CALL TO JALFAHA DAHN. PRETEND THAT YOU'RE ME.

GIVE HIM TIBERIUS'S LOCATION AND HAVE HIM SEND A PICKUP CREW HERE.

I CAN DO THAT, MIGUEL.

GOOD.

NOW LET'S SEE IF WE CAN WORK SOME MAGIC WITH TIBERIUS.

I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW RELIEVED I AM TO SEE YOU, MR. STONE. I CANNOT *APOLOGIZE* ENOUGH FOR YOUR MISHAP.

PLEASE. EAT.

I'M NOT TERRIBLY HUNGRY.

I CAN CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND WITH WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH.

I CAN ASSURE YOU OF ONE THING, THOUGH...

THE PEOPLE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SHALL BE CAPTURED AND *PUNISHED* TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW.

THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, I ASSURE YOU.

THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEALT WITH.

REALLY? ARE YOU CERTAIN...?

OH, YES. QUITE CERTAIN.

THAT'S GOOD NEWS! EXCELLENT NEWS, IN FACT!

ON TO BUSINESS, THEN.

MR. GARGAN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF A PERCENTAGE OF THE SLAYERS.

I ASSUME I WILL NOT BE CHARGED FOR THOSE?

OF COURSE NOT.

AND WHEN CAN WE EXPECT REPLACEMENTS?

MR. STONE?

MR. STONE? I SAID WHEN CAN WE EXPECT THE REPLACEMENTS--?

THERE WON'T BE ANY.

I'VE CHANGED MY MIND.

HE'S WHAT?

YOU'VE WHAT?

YOU CAN'T JUST CHANGE YOUR MIND, MR. STONE!

I'M AFRAID I ACTUALLY CAN.

I'VE DECIDED I DO NOT WISH TO GIVE YOU ARMAMENTS AGAINST YOUR PEOPLE. SO I WON'T.

YOUR MONEY WILL BE RETURNED WITHIN THE WEEK. I BELIEVE OUR BUSINESS HERE IS CONCLUDED.

COME ALONG, MICHAEL.

WAIT A MINUTE! THIS IS *UNCONSCIONABLE!*

HOW *DARE* YOU!

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST UP AND LEAVE?

I ACTUALLY THINK I CAN.

AS A MATTER OF FACT...

SO CAN YOU.

YOU HAVE ONE HOUR, AS A MATTER OF FACT. PACK YOUR THINGS AND LEAVE.

IF YOU DON'T, THE SLAYERS WILL GO ACTIVE.

AND THEY WILL HUNT YOU DOWN.

AND IT WON'T END WELL FOR YOU.

HAVE A NICE DAY.

MICHAEL, THIS IS MAC GARGAN. MAC, THIS IS MY ASSISTANT.

HI.

HAVE WE MET?

UH... NO.

YOU SURE?

YUP.

TIBERIUS... I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS, BUT...

IF THE NEXT WORDS OUT OF YOUR MOUTH ARE THAT YOU'RE *PROUD* OF ME, YOU'RE *FIRED*.

ARE YOU SURE WE HAVEN'T--?

POSITIVE.

Next: Last Spider Standing!

EDGE OF SPIDER-VERSE

CHECKLIST

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- EDGE OF SPIDER-VERSE #1
- EDGE OF SPIDER-VERSE #2
- SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN #33
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